



Dune Restoration: Helping the Dunes Help You

Hilton Head, SC
October 31, 2006

To: Coastal decision makers in South Carolina interested in beach erosion

The ACE Basin Coastal Training Program (CTP) and the Town of Hilton Head are pleased to offer a seminar on **Tuesday, October 31st** discussing beach dynamics and how dune restoration can be used as an option to combat beach erosion. With 181 miles of open ocean shoreline, beach erosion is a major concern to coastal communities in South Carolina. Thousands of people visit the South Carolina coast every year, in addition to the nearly 750,000 people who live in the coastal region. Continuing increase in coastal development and the growing tourism market makes for a situation where beachfront erosion can have severe economic consequences.

This training event is designed to provide coastal decision makers with information on the interaction between healthy dunes and beach dynamics. Speakers from the College of Charleston, Army Corps of Engineers and Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management will explain the regional significance of this national issue. With coastal erosion quickly becoming a priority issue for many coastal decision makers in South Carolina, this event will show county and local leaders how and why to restore this important coastal resource.

For more information on this program, please contact:

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Morning Speakers:

Beach Dynamics and Why Our Beaches are Shrinking

Mike Katuna, College of Charleston

What Is a Healthy Dune?

Tommy Socha, Army Corps of Engineers

Permitting Requirements for Dune Restoration

Bill Eiser, SCDHEC-OCRM

Afternoon Work Session:

How to Build a Dune

Led by Tommy Socha – Army Corps of Engineers